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In re application of: Masao WASHIZU et al.

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ELECTRODE FOR DIELECTROPHORETIC APPARATUS, For:

DIELECTROPHORETIC APPARATUS, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND METHOD FOR SEPARATING SUBSTANCES USING THE

ELECTRODE OR DIELECTROPHORETIC APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

April 13, 2001

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> Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

(Amended) A dielectrophoretic apparatus comprising the electrode for a 14. dielectrophoretic apparatus of claim 1.

Please add the following new claim:

A dielectrophoretic apparatus comprising the electrode construction for a

dielectrophoretic apparatus of claim 11